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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 801**

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**Introduced by Senator Vasconcellos**

February 21, 2003

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An act to repeal ~~and add Section 51220.3 to~~ *Section 51220.3* of the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 801, as amended, Vasconcellos. Instruction: grade point average.

~~(1) Existing~~

*Existing* law, commencing in the 2005–06 school year, prohibits a school district, when calculating a pupil's grade point average, from assigning extra grade weighting to a course that covers a subject required for admission to the University of California or the California State University, unless the University of California approves the course for extra grade weighting.

This bill would repeal this provision ~~and would instead require a school district maintaining a high school and that uses a weighted grade point average to determine class rank to report once to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by July 31, 2004, on the methodology used to compute the grade point average, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the superintendent to design a form for purposes of making the report, make the information available to the public by January 1, 2005, and notify the Legislature of its availability.~~

~~(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

~~Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes no. State-mandated local program: yes no.~~

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 51220.3 of the Education Code is  
2 repealed.

3 SEC. 2. ~~Section 51220.3 is added to the Education Code, to~~  
4 ~~read:~~

5 51220.3. ~~Each school district maintaining a high school that~~  
6 ~~uses a weighted grade point average to determine class rank shall~~  
7 ~~report once to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by July 31,~~  
8 ~~2004, on the methodology used to compute the grade point~~  
9 ~~average. The superintendent shall design a form, that may be in~~  
10 ~~electronic format, for purposes of making this report. The~~  
11 ~~superintendent shall make this information available to the public~~  
12 ~~by January 1, 2005, and shall notify the Legislature of the~~  
13 ~~availability of the information.~~

14 SEC. 3. ~~Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government~~  
15 ~~Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this~~  
16 ~~act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local~~  
17 ~~agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant~~  
18 ~~to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title~~  
19 ~~2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for~~  
20 ~~reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),~~  
21 ~~reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims~~  
22 ~~Fund.~~

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